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SUBJ: DIVINE INTERVENTION IN LEBANESE CRISIS

1. OBSERVERS OF LEBANESE SCENE WILL BE INTERESTED TO LEARN OF MOST RECENT RUMORED "OUTSIDE INTERVENTION" IN LEBANESE CRISIS AS REPORTED IN JAN 10 "L'ORIENT-LE JOUR":

2. "IN CHIAH, THE RUMOR SPREAD YESTERDAY AT NIGHTFULL THAT THE HOLY VIRGIN HAD APPEARED NEAR THE CHURCH OF MAR MIKHAIL, ABOVE THE JOSEPH MADI BUILDING. THE PEOPLE OF THE QUARTER RAN TO THE BARRICADES, FROM WHERE THE VISION WAS, IT WAS AFFIRMED, PERFECTLY VISIBLE. ACCORDING TO THE EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS THAT WERE GATHERED, THEY HOLY VIRGIN APPEARED FROM 1650 TO 1710. HER ARMS WERE OPEN AND HER FACE WAS TURNED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE CHURCH OF SAPMKCDIBCSE IN CHOUEIFAT. IN OTHER WORDS, SHE WAS TURNING HER BACK ON AIR AR-RUMMANEH. AT 1710, THE APPARITION VANISHED IN THE FORM OF A CLOUD RISING HIGH INTO THE SKY. IF THE MIRACLE CANNOT BE CONFIRMED, IT MAY BE A QUESTION OF A KIND OF COLLECTIVE HALLUCINATION OR OF AN ERROR OF OCULAR JUDGEMENT".
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